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SUBJECT: NATO SECRETARY GENERAL'S DEPARTURE DATE

1. (SBU) On August 4, post received from Danish Perm Rep Poulsen-Hansen, the Dean of the North Atlantic Council, a copy of a letter he sent to the NATO Secretary-General (SYG) confirming that the SYG has proposed, and the Perm Reps accepted, that the SYG's term will end on July 31, 2009. A copy of the letter, dated July 16, 2008, is reprinted below.

2. (SBU) Begin text of letter: Dear Jaap: In accordance with the understanding presented in the North Atlantic Council on 10 January 2007 by the then Dean, Ambassador Jerzy Nowak, I have in my capacity as Dean conducted consultations with you and the Permanent Representative on the exact date of the termination of your tenure of office as Secretary General. I refer to the procedure as described in Ambassador Nowak's letter to you of 11 January 2007.

The result of my consultations is acceptance of your proposal to terminate your function on 31 July 2009.

A copy of this letter is being sent to our Colleagues on the North Atlantic Council.

Signed - Per Poulsen-Hansen - Dean.
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